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SUBJ: SOHYO CHAIRMAN MAKIEDA VISIT TO U.S.

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1. AUGUST 3 AFTERNOON EDITIONS OF VIRTUALLY ALL TOKYO NEWSPAPERS GAVE PROMINENT TREATMENT TO SOHYO PRESIDENT MAKIEDA'S WASHINGTON PRESS CONFERENCE, HELD AFTER MEETING WITH AFL-CIO PRES MEANY, AUGUST 2. WHILE MOST STORIES MERELY QUOTED MAKIEDA AS SAYING HE AND MR. MEANY HAD AGREED TO INCREASED CONTACTS BETWEEN SOHYO AND AFLO-CIO IN SPITE OF PREVIOUS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS, MAINICHI STORY, UNDER HEADLINE "SOHYO AND AFLO-CIO AGREE TO STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY," QUOTED MAKIEDA AS SAYING THAT AFLO-CIO WOULD TREAT DOMEI AND SOHYO EQUALLY IN FUTURE. AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 3, DOMEI INTERNATIONAL BUREAU DIRECTOR AIHARA CALLED LABATT AND USIS EXCHANGES OFFICER TO EXPRESS "SURPRISE" AT MAINICHI ARTICLE AND TO INQUIRE WHETHER EMBASSY COULD SUPPLY FURTHER INFORMATION ON CONTENTS OF MEANY-MAKIEDA MEETING.

2. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE DOMEI PUBLICLY
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PORTRAYS ITSELF AS HAVING "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" WITH

AFL-CIO, MAINICHI STORY COMES AS UNPLEASANT SURPRISE TO IT.
WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE REPORT ON MEETING WHICH
WE COULD PASS TO DOMEI. WE SUSPECT THAT DOMEI WOULD
ALSO WELCOME DIRECT PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM AFL-CIO
HEADQUARTERS ABOUT MEETINGS.
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